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"I have studied many philosophers and many cats.

The wisdom of cats is infinitely superior." - Hippolyte Taine



Welcome to
The Pet 'N Player,
a free monthly newsletter
from Pet 'N Play -
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Monthly Poll!

(Click on the question to
answer)

[Do you allow your pet\(s\) on
your furniture or bed?](#)

[Here's What Dogs See When They Watch Television](#)

Thebark.com



Have you ever noticed your dog taking interest in something you are watching on the television? If so, you may have wondered what they might be thinking, or if they are even seeing the same things that we are, or in the same way that we are. As it turns out, dogs do in fact notice and understand pictures that they see on the television screen, as well as the sounds that accompany them. [Read More](#)

This month's pet trivia (answers below):

- 1) What does the phrase "three dog night" refer to?
A) Dog fighting B) A pack of wild dogs roaming at night C) A jazz band from the 1920s D) The temperature
- 2) What is a cat doing when it's "making biscuits?"
A) Using a scratching post B) Training to be a chef
C) Kneading with its paws D) Using the litter box

Last month's question: **Do you leave your TV or radio on for your pet(s) when you are away from home?**

The results: 40% leave the TV on, 40% leave the radio on, and 20% just leave on a light.

October Pet Holidays:

[Adopt-A-Dog Month®](#). By American Humane Association.

[Adopt-a-Shelter Dog Month](#). By ASPCA.

National Animal Safety and Protection Month.

National Pet Wellness Month.

National Pit Bull Awareness Month.

National Service Dog Month.

October 1, 2016: **National Fire Pup Day.**

October 1, 2016: **National Black Dog Day.**

October 2-8, 2016: **National Walk Your Dog Week.**

October 2-8, 2016: **Animal Welfare Week.** ([AVMA](#))

October 4, 2016: **World Animal Day.**

3) What did psychologist Sigmund Freud's dog supposedly do?
A) Barked at anyone Freud didn't like B) Saved Freud's life by alerting him to an intruder C) Attended all of Freud's therapy sessions D) Nothing - Freud hated dogs and did not own any

4) Former "Price is Right" host Bob Barker recently helped rescue:
A) 10 monkeys from a movie set B) 65 rats from a research facility C) A three-legged shelter dog D) 25 circus lions from Bolivia

"I looked up my family tree and found three dogs using it." - Rodney Dangerfield

9 Things My Cat Taught Me

Moderncat.com



Life's lessons from the family cat, as told through GIFs. [See and Read More](#)



October 12, 2016: [National Pet Obesity Awareness Day](#).

October 9-15, 2016: [National Veterinary Technician Week](#).

Sponsored by the National Association of Veterinary Technicians of America.

October 15, 2016: [Dog Film Festival](#), **New York City**.

October 16, 2016: [National Feral Cat Day](#).

October 27, 2016: [National Pit Bull Awareness Day](#).

Last Saturday in Oct. (unless Halloween falls on the last Saturday, then another date is chosen).

October 28, 2016: **Plush Animal Lovers Day**. A day that most dogs will be happy to celebrate...as they unstuff them...

October 29, 2016: [National Cat Day](#).

October 30, 2016: [National Black Cat Day](#) in the UK.

**We have a new feature:
Adoptable
Pet of the Month!**

From the Humane Society
of Huron Valley

Meet Zoey and Harley -
Featured Pets for October 2016

[See all of our past Featured Pets here!](#)

[In the U.S. Pets are Family, Global Survey Reveals](#)

Petsbest.com

Houzz surveyed 10,000 pet owners in 11 countries: the United States, Canada, France, Italy, Spain, Sweden, Denmark, Russia, Germany, Australia and Japan. The Houzz survey found that Americans are particularly lenient when it comes to pets, and the most likely to treat dogs and cats as members of the family.

[Read More](#)

"Scratch a dog and you'll find a permanent job." - Franklin
P. Jones

[Why Doesn't My Dog...Fetch?](#)

Vetstreet



While we all know someone with an amazing dog who has always loved to go grab the newspaper off the street, most dogs don't arrive on this planet with an instinctual understanding of the whole "go fetch that item and bring it back to a human nice and unchewed" thing. It's a behavior we teach our dogs



Meet Brooks

with varying degrees of success, largely depending on their motivation and our patience level. [Read More](#)

Fun facts about pets:

The largest and smallest dogs to live in the White House were both there during the tenure of president James Buchanan. The president had a Newfoundland named Lara. And his niece, Harriet Lane (who served as White House hostess because the president was unmarried), had a tiny toy terrier named Punch.

Julius Caesar, Henri II, Charles XI, and Napoleon had aelurophobia, the fear of cats.

The first dog to star in an American movie was Jean the Vitagraph Dog, a Border Collie mix, who made his first film in 1910.

Many cats are unable to properly digest cow's milk. Milk and milk products give them diarrhea.

We hope you get a laugh at one of the comics below. There are new comics every day on our web site, just click on a comic. They are brought to you by [Andertoons](#).



Pet Sitter's Corner

Each month in the Pet Sitter's Corner we will keep you up to date on changes with Pet 'N Play, local events, and other interesting news.

Friday, October 14, 2016 - 6:30 p.m.

Humane Society of Huron Valley's 11th Annual Compassionate Feast

Michigan Union - Rogel Ballroom - 530 S. State St, Ann Arbor

Join the Humane Society of Huron Valley for our 11th annual Compassionate Feast fundraiser! You'll meet other animal-lovers like you; enjoy music, cocktails, food and entertainment; and celebrate all you've helped HSHV do and continue to do for animals in our community.

Your ticket includes all of the festivities -- cocktail hour with appetizers, a silent auction, a multiple course vegetarian or vegan feast (your choice), and more. Also, you'll have a chance to meet [Ken Foster, author of "I'm a Good Dog,"](#) who will attend the evening as our featured guest speaker! Tickets are \$150 and sell out fast. To purchase tickets or get more information, [visit the Humane Society web site.](#)

October 15-16, 2016

Performance Times: 12:00 pm, 2:00 pm, 4:30 pm

Rock & Roll K-9's

At Frankenmuth River Place Shops Festival Platz

The Rock-N-Roll K-9's provide good family fun entertainment with our awesome K-9's, while grooving to rock and roll music. The shows will include flyball, tricks, relay racing, limbo, choreographed obedience routines, agility, Scooby says, musical mats and much more. To learn more about this event visit www.frankenmuthriverplace.com/events.

We have made a couple of updates to our web site. We have temporarily removed the products from our pet products page in anticipation of adding some of our own products at some point. Stay tuned! In the mean time, you can order **FREE firefighter labels and refrigerator magnets** there! [You can order them here.](#)

We have also updated our adoptable pets page. We have stream-lined the page, but the really exciting news is that we now have **adoptable pets of the month** from several local shelters! These pets are available for adoption, and we will have new pets every month! We have also put our Humane Society of Huron Valley pet of the month in this newsletter. So be sure to visit our web site every month to see the new adoptable pets each month! [Check out our new adoptable pets page here.](#)

Thank you for reading our newsletter! We hope you enjoyed it.

And please feel free to share it with anyone and everyone.

Send any pet sitting questions you have to us at: info@pet-n-play.com

Trivia answers:

1) D - The temperature. There's some difference of opinion as to the origins of "three dog night" but it refers to a very cold night. Some say it originated in Australia where Aborigines had dogs or dingoes sleep with them to keep warm. Others claim the term came from Alaska and/or the arctic, where sled dogs were brought into the tent to provide enough body heat to survive on extremely cold nights. 2) C - Kneading with its paws. Some call this "making biscuits" because the motion resembles a baker kneading dough. Cats usually knead on a soft surface like a pillow, comforter, another cat, or their favorite human. 3) C - Attended all of Freud's therapy sessions. Freud believed that the presence of dogs comforted his patients. He also felt that one of his favorite dogs, a Chow Chow named Jo-Fi, had the ability to affect a patient's mental state. Jo-Fi attended the therapy sessions and alerted Freud to patients who were stressed by where the dog chose to sit. 's detailed notes on these dog-pat interactions are said to have formed the basis of modern day pet assisted

therapy. 4) D - 25 circus lions from Bolivia. Animal advocate Barker helped finance the \$200,000 to bring the lions to a Colorado sanctuary.

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